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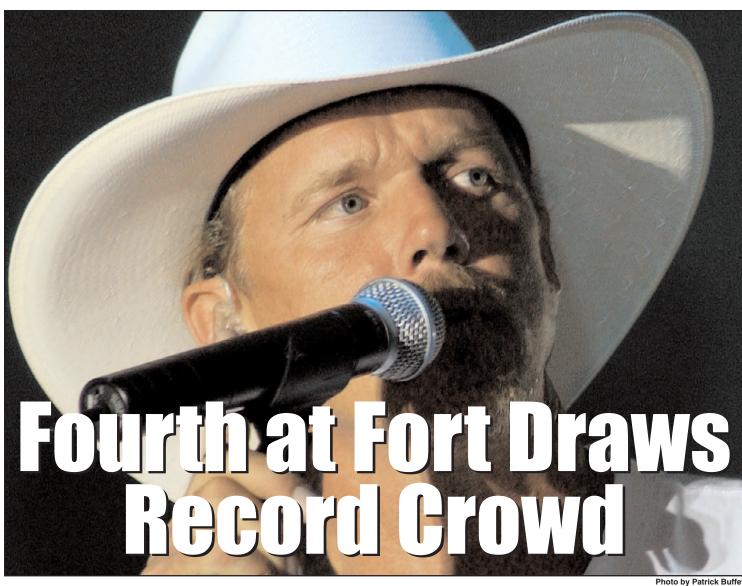
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### **Community Notice**

### **Garrison HQs hosts** town hall meeting

The garrison commander, Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, will host a community town hall meeting at 6 p.m., July 11 at the Post Theater. Representatives from key staff agencies will be on hand to provide information about current and future programs and other information community members should know. A question and answer session is also scheduled toward the end of the event.



Monday's Fourth at the Fort festivities, featuring a performance by country music mega-star Trace Adkins, pictured above, drew a crowd of well over 20,000 spectators, according to unofficial "guesstimates." Thousands more packed the bridge along Mercury Boulevard and the nearby Phoebus shoreline to enjoy the annual Monroe fireworks display. The record-setting event also included an unprecedented reenlistment ceremony. For more photos, see Page 14.

# Post PX welcomes Lil' Cafe'

BY BELINDA BAKER

CASEMATE STAFF WRITER

A new sandwich and snack shop opened Wednesday at the Fort Monroe Post Exchange.

The Lil' Café II occupies the 375quare-foot area just inside the front entrance of the PX mall. The shop owner, Jose Romero, and AAFES services business manager Arlene Gardner, welcomed the first customers after a brief grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

"I'm very excited about this store," Romero said. "It feels good to be able to bring something like this to Fort Monroe.

"I wanted to do this for the military community, offering them something different than what they are used to ... something similar to what you'd find off post. I want to provide the community with a comfortable atmos-

phere, quality products and quality service," said the retired Army veteran and Prince George County resi-

As the shop's name implies, this is Romero's second food service venture. It's predecessor is located at Fort Lee,

The Lil' Café II is open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. It offers a variety of freshly prepared sandwich-

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> Jose Romero LIL' CAFE SHOP OWNER

es like turkey, ham and roast beef; pastries, pretzels, potato chips, brand name soft drinks, coffee, tea, and fruit smoothies.

In coming months, Romero said the shop will add fresh-baked pretzels to the menu and offer a call-in service The deli will also accept MasterCard® and Visa® once the telephone lines are installed.

AAFES is sponsoring a drawing to promote the deli's grand opening, according to Gardner. Prizes include a DVD player, a \$50 gift certificate and two \$25 gift certificates. The drawing is set for Aug. 6.

"Just drop your receipt from the Lil' Cafe in the sweepstakes entry box or, if you don't buy anything there, you can ask the cashier for a sweepstakes entry form to fill out and drop in the box," she explained.

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# Columns Commentary

How many people come back from leave or a long weekend literally exhausted?

# We have a right, and a need, to rest

ow busy is too busy? Where does one draw the line between ambitious and obsessed?

I was speaking with a friend recently about finding a balance between work and play and mentioned a book titled "Your Right to Rest" by one of my seminary professors, Wayne Oates. His little volume had such a positive impact on me, and I'm convinced that its message should be shared.

Consider the American Soldier. I have always been amazed by, and grateful for, the powerful work ethic of these military members. Some of the hardest-working people on the planet wear BDUs. They put mission first and are constantly improving their craft. The lights are on in offices all over the Army from way

**Chaplain's** Corner



Maj. Jerald Jacobs

Post Chaplain's Office

before PT to way after "Retreat."

I love the way some Soldiers "attack" the weekend. They plan no less elaborately than a commander prepares for a combat mission. They plummet through the weekend at full speed and come home aching late Sunday night. How many peo-

ple come back from leave or a long weekend literally exhausted?

Far worse, how many Soldiers are involved in fatal accidents because they fell asleep at the wheel?

We have a right — and a need — to rest.

It's happened to me and it's happened to you: we're pushing hard on some tasker, the deadline's getting close, and someone asks a legitimate — but unrelated — question. We get angry and it shows. Later, we go to the person and apologize for firing both barrels. It's like the old joke about having only one nerve left and they managed to get on it.

We have a right – and a need – to rest.

You finally get home after work and need to "decompress" for a while. You know you've been getting home late a lot and haven't had much time with'the kids, but you're startled to overhear one ask your spouse, "Who is that person in the living room?"

We have a right – and a need – to rest.

During the conversation with my friend I referred to earlier, he said that a lot of non-religious people were discovering the need for a Sabbath – a day of rest. It's easy for me as a preacher to say, "God knew what He was doing when He established the Sabbath." We will wear ourselves out working and playing hard. We need to take time to refocus on why we're alive; not just why we do the job we do, but the eternal, overarching purpose of our existence. That serves as a "center" and an "anchor" for our

We have a right — and a

need-to rest.

This may come as a shock to many readers, but the Army is not God. The Army does, however, understand the importance of your need for rest. They've made generous provision through the leave you earn each day you serve your nation. Enjoy family time during the summer; and remember that it's the relationships, not the activities, that matter.

Don't feel guilty about resting and taking your leave. You've earned it. Rest is part of spiritual fitness. Time spent together is essential for your family's health. It's where the most precious memories are made and forms some of the strongest bonds between family members.

Rest up, have fun and stay safe this summer. God bless you.

Often, the lenders charged fees and interest rates as high as 360 percent ...

## New payday loan law protects military

irginia recently
passed a new law
to end some abusive business
practices by payday lenders.
This law, which took effect
July 1, is intended to protect military personnel and
is good news to the Fort
Monroe community.

National media sources report that Hampton Roads has one of the highest concentrations of payday lenders in the country. Soldiers and their leaders must, therefore, understand how payday loans work and the legal protections available to Virginia borrowers.

Payday loans (also called cash advance loans, check advance loans, post-dated check loans or deferred deposit check loans) are loans to consumers of a few hundred dollars for short periods of time, usually a



**By Capt. Eric Hanson** *Post Judge Advocate Office* 

few weeks or a month.

Payday loan companies always advertise "fast, easy cash." In exchange for instance funds, the borrower writes a check for a larger sum of money (principal plus fees and interest) that the lender can cash in the future. Often, the lenders charged fees and interest rates as high as 360 percent ... almost 25 times greater than a typical credit card

Payday loans can be very dangerous for consumers who have no savings, unexpected expenses or difficulty controlling their personal spending. A borrower who is unable to repay the loan, fees, and interest often will take out a new loan to cover the old one, and the cost of the loans increase quickly.

The new Virginia law prohibits payday lenders that are declared "off limits" by a post commander from extending loans to service members. The law also gives the following additional protections to military members and their spouses, regardless of which spouse borrows the money.

Payday lenders: Cannot garnish military pay.

Cannot take action to collect past-due loans while a service member is deployed.

Cannot contact a service member's chain of command in an effort to collect on an unpaid loan.

Must obey repayment agreements negotiated with the help of credit counselors or military legal counsel.

Since 2002 Virginia law requires payday lenders to clearly advertise the cost of their loans using standardized terms. Virginia also requires payday lenders to:

Lend no more than \$500 to a borrower.

Charge no more than six percent interest per year on late payments. Provide the borrower a written copy of the loan agreement and a clear explanation of the borrower's rights and responsibilities.

Accept early payment for all or part of a loan amount without penalty.

Accept only personal checks from the borrower, dated on or before the day the loan was made, as collateral to ensure repayment.

Provide pamphlets explaining borrowers' rights and responsibilities.

Payday lenders have used a variety of methods to confuse and defraud customers in the past. Virginia's law tries to fix that. In Virginia, payday lenders may not:

Extend multiple loans See LOANS, Page 7

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# Mid-July concert features Motown legends

Fort Monroe is delighted to welcome the Grammy-winning group The Temptations as its featured act for the third 2005 summer concert July 17 at Walker Airfield. Gates will open at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

With the smash single "Something Special" soaring up the urban charts, the Temptations' latest album Legacy (2004) promises to be the legendary act's biggest hit since their heyday.

Their music skyrocketed R&B to new heights in the '60s and '70s and became the definitive sound of an industry giant called Motown.

Their undeniably smooth dance moves, stylish dress and magical delivery of such timeless hits as "My Girl" and "Baby I Need Your Loving" have enticed audiences worldwide. The Temptations and The Four Tops are still a hot ticket today, each group having thrilled crowds for just over four decades.

The Four Tops cut some of the Motown's most unforgettable singles including "I Can't Help Myself," "It's the Same Old Song," "Reach Out I'll Be There," "Standing in the Shadows of Love" and "Bernadette."

They will take the stage at 7 p.m. and The Temptations will perform at 8:30 p.m.

Temptations founder and sole original member Otis Williams declared that the group's "Legacy" is stronger that ever.

"Thanks to a powerful new lineup and a powerful selection of songs, we're on top of the game," said Williams. "This is my 41st year as a Temptation and I've never heard our blend of voices this smooth and exciting."

Long-time members Ron Tyson and Terry Weeks join Williams in a line up that also includes G.C. Cameron, former lead singer of the Spinners, and Joe Herndon. The result is an explosive confluence of old-school soul and right-now R&B.

Also a noteworthy super group, the Four Tops deserve recognition for both their achievements and their longevity.

The group performed for over four decades together without a single change in personnel — a record of consistency that is mind-boggling in the notoriously changeable world of popular music. The Four Tops' greatest records were recorded at Motown with the in-house song-



The Temptations

writing and production team of Brian Holland, Lamont Dozier and Eddie Holland between 1964 and

Fans who plan to attend the upcoming concert should note that access to the post requires a valid picture ID for anyone 18 years and older. Motorists with a Department of Defense decal are encouraged to use the Mercury Boulevard route to

No coolers, backpacks, food or beverages may be brought in to the concert area. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. In case of severe weather, the concert will be cancelled.

The event is sponsored by Headquarters Fort Monroe, USO of Hampton Roads and Budweiser.

For more information, call the MWR Special Events hotline at



Jose Romero prepares for the grand opening of his Lil' Cafe Wednesday at the Post Exchange.

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Gardner said, although AAFES is excited about its new concessionaire, there is concern about the "low volume" of patrons the space has experienced in the past. The area was previously occupied by Ruby's Deli, which closed in December.

"We've had a hard time keeping businesses there but we are working on some incentives to increase traffic. One of the main things is to vary the menu; we're talking to the (post) fire marshal about installing a fryer so that we can offer things like chicken, fries and so on. Plus Mr. Romero and I have talked about weekly specials; so that will definitely be a part of the service.

"All of that aside, this is still a real benefit to the Fort Monroe community because of the convenience it affords. Rather than go off post for lunch you can grab a quick snack and also do some shopping in the PX. Mainly we want the Soldiers here to know that, even though you're on a small installation, you're entitled to all of the luxuries that AAFES offers. Our goal is always to provide the best possible service to everyone. We're always looking for ideas to help us do that," said Gardner who is also the AAFES services business manager for Forts Eustis and Story and Langley Air Force Base.

# Monroe 'Picnic in the Park' features top gospel groups

Fort Monroe is teaming up with Hampton radio station Star 94.1 FM for the 3rd Annual Picnic in the Park gospel concert starting at noon, July 16, at Walker Airfield.

The concert has been dubbed "the biggest outdoor gospel festival on the East Coast" with featured performers J. Moss, The Preacher's Kid, Lori Perry, Joann Rosario, Virtue, Rizen, Sounds of Blackness, TaMyya J. and Andra Cross.

Each artist and group will bring with their own unique brand of inspirational music.

Available now, tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for military ID card holders and DoD civilians. Children under 12 enter free. Tickets can be purchased at the Bay Breeze Community Center and the Fitness Center; online at www.ticketmaster.com or at any Tickemaster outlet.

Maria Jackson, post MWR special events coordinator, said in addition to enjoying good "uplifting" music, fans can take advantage of food and craft vendors who will be on site. She stressed that no alcoholic beverages or tobacco products will be sold or allowed at the

"I'm excited about the concert and our partnership with the community by way of WXEZ radio," she said. "Also, the opportunity to work on the project with Army Entertainment is a wonderful experience. We have a fantastic line up of performers that I'm sure the entire family will enjoy.

"This is the first time that (MWR) Commercial Sponsorship is able to bring something of this nature to Fort Monroe and I'm very pleased. I hope everyone will come out to fellowship and be inspired by



The July 16 gospel festival lineup will include the all-female group Rizen.

the great music."

Fans who plan to attend the upcoming concert should note that access to the post for anyone 18 years and older requires a valid picture ID. All three access gates, including Stilwell, will be open for the event. However, the Ingalls Road entrance is restricted to vehicles with a DoD decal.

No coolers, backpacks, food or beverages may be brought in to the concert area. No weapons are allowed on post.

In the event of severe weather, the concert will be postponed until late September, Jack-

For more information, call the MWR special events hotline at 788-2850.

# **USACC** welcomes new commanding general

**BY PAUL KOTAKIS** 

CADET COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Cadet Command — the Army's largest single source of commissioned officers — welcomed Maj. Gen. W. Montague Winfield as its new commanding general during a June 24 ceremony here at Continental Park.

Winfield assumed command from Maj. Gen. Alan W. Thrasher, who had served as USACC's senior leader since July 2003.

Officiating the event was Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Commander, U.S. Army Accessions Command and Deputy Commanding General for Initial Entry Training. During formal remarks presented at the ceremony, Van Antwerp praised both Thrasher and his wife Ann for their many accomplishments while at Fort Monroe.

He also extended a hearty welcome to the Winfield family — noting that they are "eminently suited" to take up the role of leading Cadet Command.

Winfield's most recent assignment was as the Commanding General of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) in Hawaii. During his formal remarks at the ceremony Winfield said, "Few missions in today's Army are of greater importance than shaping the next generation of officer-leaders, and I'm deeply honored to be



Maj. Gen. W. Montague Winfield

entrusted with command of the organization that produces the lion's share of the officers for America's Army."

A 1977 graduate of the Army ROTC program at Virginia State University, Winfield also expressed thanks to both Lt. Gen. Van Antwerp and TRADOC Commander Gen. Kevin Byrnes for placing their confidence in him and giving him the opportunity to take command of the program that gave him his start nearly 30 years ago.

At Virginia State University, Winfield earned both a baccalaureate and master's degree in Education. He earned a second master's degree in Corporate Management and Technology from the University of Pennsylvania. Winfield is also a

graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

He has held numerous important command and staff positions in assignments that have taken him around the globe. In November 1992, he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry, 194th SAB, XVIII Airborne Corps. The unit, a combined arms task force consisting of armor, infantry and field artillery units, is the only one of its kind in the Army. As an element of the 10th Cavalry, the unit traces its heritage back to the "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 19th Century.

Winfield also commanded a logistics heavy task force with the mission to equip and train the world's first Caribbean Community Combined (CARICOM) Task Force. He subsequently served as trainer and advisor to the CARICOM Task Force during Operation Restore Democracy — the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Haiti.

While serving as the commander of 3rd Brigade 1st Infantry Division, he deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. As the Deputy Director for Operations, J3, in the National Command Center, Winfield was the General Officer-in-Charge during the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

He also was selected to serve as a Senior Military Fellow with the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations. And he has served as the Assistant Division Commander (Support) of the famed 25th Infantry Division (Light) and as Deputy Commanding General for the Multi-National Division (North) in Bosnia SFOR.

Winfield's personal and unit decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Award (six awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and the NATO Medal. He is also Ranger, Airborne and Air Assault qualified.

As the commanding general of Cadet Command, Winfield oversees the operation of all Army ROTC programs worldwide.

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### Northeast Region Soldier of the Year



Name: Spc. Elisha Johnson

Award date and location: June 23, Fort Meade, Md.

Hometown: Pensacola, Fla.

Duty station and number of years in the Army: DOIM, Fort Monroe, 3 years

**Hobbies:** Sports, drawing and singing in a church choir

What the award means: Hard work pays off. First Sgt. (Vurgess) Jones, Staff Sgt. (Shalena) Brownlee and Sgt. (Christine) Garcia helped me study. They

were concerned about me and it made me feel good to know that.

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### Teacher of the Year



Photo by Patricia Radcliff

Wanda Gillis prepares to give a high five to students who correctly answered questions about the pictures she holds on June 21.

Name: Wanda Gillis

Job title: Education Technician

**Years at CDC:** 8

Years in government service: 8

**Home:** Hampton

Family: Husband and three sons

Outside activities: Attending church and

spending time with family

Most rewarding aspect of teaching:

Seeing a child achieve something that he/she had difficulties with previously.

**Teaching philosophy:** Make sure that you love your job. If you love it, everything else will come together.

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### Officers' brunch

Military officers and guests are invited to join the Virginia Peninsula and Portsmouth chapters of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) for Sunday Brunch this weekend at the Bay Breeze Community Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

MOAA is open to active duty, reserve, National Guard, retired and veteran officers, plus widows and widowers of officers from all branches of service.

For more information, call 788-2406.

### Leisure needs survey

The 2005 U.S. Army Leisure Needs Survey is available to all Fort Monroe MWR patrons — active duty, retired, spouses and civilians. Visit www.armymwrsurvey.com to fill one out.

This survey is meant to provide feedback on all MWR services and activities offered at Fort Monroe to improve the morale, welfare and recreation for those served.

To raise the number of responses, the LNS has been made easier to complete online and it does not have to be finished in one sitting.

MWR appreciates the community's support shown by taking a few minutes to complete the LNS. All feedback contributes to making services better for patrons.

For more information, call Lisa Diddlemeyer at 788-3296.

### Ethics training

All Fort Monroe employees are reminded that the Secretary of the Army has made face-to-face ethics training mandatory for all DA federal workers — military and civilian — regardless of rank or position

The next ethics training sessions will be held July 19 and Aug. 2. in the Post Theater at 1 p.m. Training will last about an hour.

Participants must sign in upon arrival to receive credit for the training

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is also available to conduct training for individual offices or organizations at other times if desired.

Contact Capt. Lashanda Ellis-Ramsey at 788-4187 for more information

### Financial seminars

Langley Federal Credit Union is offering a series of free financial seminars over the next several weeks. The sessions are open to the public; however, seating is limited and reservations are required.

Each session begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour. All sessions are held at the Omni Hotel in Newport News. Contact Richard Hill at 643-8715 or RHill@langleyfcu.org to register.

The upcoming sessions are as follows:

Protect Your Home during Hurricane Season, July 21 — Jon Cash from WAVY TV-10 Weather will offer predictions for the coming hurricane season and how one should prepare to either stay or evacuate. Learn how to review homeowner's insurance, tips for updating coverage and what to expect after a storm.

Mortgage Info 101, Aug. 18 — Learn the differences between being pre-qualified and having a conditional pre-approval for a loan, the different types of mortgage insurance requirements, the advantages and disadvantages of fixed rate and adjustable rate mortgages and much more.

Social Security and Retirement Planning, Sept. 22 — A representative from the Social Security Administration will speak about retirement benefits and how to plan for retirement. IRA updates will also be discussed.

### Military Pride Catalog

The 2005 Military Pride Catalog is now available in military exchanges. It is packed with items that pay tribute to the Armed Forces, including jewelry, clothing, figurines, toys and display cases.

The 2005 Military Pride Catalog is available free at all main stores and online at aafes.com.

### AAFES savings

According to a national independent market basket survey, prices at Army and Air Force Exchange Service PXs and BXs are on average 22.09 percent lower than comparable retailers.

The survey was conducted in February by RetailData. The 2005 market basket study sampled the prices of 150 similar items found in six military communities.

AAFES savings were calculated without the tax-free advantage. "Depending on where a service member or military retiree lives, shopping the PX or BX can offer an average savings up to 31.44 percent (when you subtract sales tax)," AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Bill Essex said.

Detailed survey results can be found at www.aafes.com.

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# Post workers receive top civilian service awards

Seven Fort Monroe government employees were among 25 workers TRADOC wide to earn Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service (DECS), Meritorious Civilian Service Award (MCSA), Superior Civilian Service Award (SCSA) and Achievement Medal for Civilian Service (AMCS) honors approved by Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, commanding general, and the Secretary of the Army.

Local award recipients are:

**Rosetta Green,** HQ TRADOC Equal Opportunity manager (DECS).

James Calway, director of the Opposing Forces and Threat Integration Directorate (MCSA).

**Tony Harper,** Supervisory, security assistance analyst (MCSA).

**Wanda Kissinger,** deputy secretary of the General Staff (MCSA).

**Robert Osmon,** manager, Security Assistance Training Directorate (MCSA).

**Ruben Rosario-Hernandez,** HQ TRADOC management analyst (MSCA).

**Diana Skelton,** Human Resource Specialist for Civilian Personnel Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Infrastructure and Logistics, HQ TRADOC (MCSA).

The honorees received medals, lapel pins and citation certificates. Honorary awards for the civilian workforce are aligned with military awards Soldiers can receive.

The highest award granted by the Secretary of the Army is the DECS. Nominees for this award must have established a pattern of excellence and achievements which have been recognized by previous honorary awards up to and including the Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

The MCSA is the second highest award. Nominees must have established a pattern of excellence, normally demonstrated by the receipt of lower level awards and an exemplary record of achievement.

The newly established Incentive Awards Review Board (IARB) serves as the civilian award and advisory group to the Commanding General, and the Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff.

The IARB manages the TRADOC Civilian Awards Program, establishing command-wide policies.

The IARB consists of senior military and civilian representatives from TRADOC Headquarters staff offices. One of the board's primary objectives is to increase recognition of TRADOC civilian employees.

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### **LOANS**

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to a borrower to increase fees the borrower must pay.

Lend money to a borrower via a power of attorney presented by somebody else.

Extend a loan in the form of a check, then charge the borrower a fee to cash the check.

Extend loans to allow borrowers to purchase products from the lender.

Threaten or instigate criminal proceedings if a borrower's check bounces.

Renew, refinance or extend loans.

Payday loans are almost never the best solution to your financial needs. Before getting a payday loan, Fort Monroe Soldiers should first consider no-interest loans from Army Emergency Relief and seek the excellent financial counseling available from Army Community Services — 788-3878.

Attorneys at the post legal office are ready to help victims of abusive debt collectors and consumer fraud. For more information, call 788-3616 to set up an appointment with a legal advisor.

Check out the Bay Breeze Community Center's Champagne Brunch, Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Col. Perry D. Allmendinger

Garrison Commander

# How do you say goodbye?

### Garrison commander shares departing thoughts

### STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICK BUFFETT

**CASEMATE STAFF WRITER** 

That nagging question was back again.

It was one of those mind benders that pick at your brain just as you're trying to go to sleep in the evening and sticks around to say hello the moment the alarm clock drags you out of bed.

How do you say goodbye?

Garrison commander, Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, pondered the question as flashes of the past three years grabbed for attention. In a matter of days he would turn over the reigns of Fort Monroe to a new commander, Col. Jason T. Evans. He had until 9 a.m., July 14 to corral his thoughts into an order that would allow them to be properly expressed to his community and honored guests.

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of

The opening lines of the Charles Dickens' classic "Tale of Two Cities" suddenly seemed like good place to start a parting dissertation. "The best of times ... that part is easy because there have been so many of them," the colonel said. "Just this past week, for example, this community witnessed a phenomenal turnout for the Trace Adkins concert (and other Fourth at the Fort

"It was the hallmark of the summer concert series we started in 2003," Allmendinger continued. "The goal all along was to bring the community together and showcase our magnificent installation while expressing our appreciation for the continued support of our partners and neighbors in the surrounding area. I think we've

accomplished that and more, and I'll never forget all of the support and down-and-dirty grunt work contributed by everyone from the MWR workers who pitched tents and manned concessions to the security and safety professionals who managed the crowds and kept traffic flowing as smooth as possible."

One seemingly simple word - teamwork - laid siege to his thoughts. He hoped that every Soldier, every civilian employee and every family member fully realized the impact they make day after day at Fort Monroe. "Your focus each day might be military personnel files or routine physicals, or you might be involved in the development of military doctrine or shaping initial entry training, but every effort is part of the whole. I know that my success, and the installation's success, can always be traced directly back to you."

That notion churned up memories of the Paul "Bear" Bryant (the legendary football coach who led the Crimson Tide to six national titles) quote he cited three years earlier during his change of command. "If anything goes bad, then I did it. If anything goes semi-good, then we did it. And if anything goes great, then you did it."

Gazing out of his post headquarters office window, the colonel absorbed the view of Cannon Park, the west gate of the Casemate and the Fitness Center. Each stirred up more memories ... a ceremony in which three TRADOC Soldiers and their military working dogs were presented awards for bravery in Iraq and Afghanistan; the annual holiday tree lighting celebration; and the

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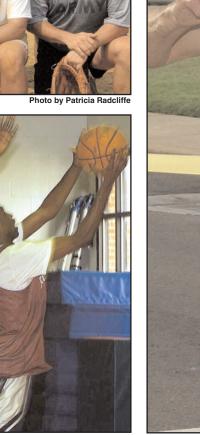


Approximately 80 runners, walkers, doggies and babies in strollers converged upon Continental Park June 30 to begin the Training and Doctrine Command Organization Day activities with a 3K walk/run. Participants later competed in many fun sporting activities and picnics.

# TRADOC Organization Day



Photo above: The Stars a team composed of Fort Monroe officers - pose with the regained trophy after a hard-fought 19-12 win over the Stripes - the noncomis $sioned\ officer$ 's team-inan ongoing softball rivalry. Photo right: Kevin Winn - burgundy team - heads toward the basket as George Simms tries for a block and Dennis Daniels gets into position for the next play during Org. Day 2on-2 basketball playoffs. The team in burgundy won this game.







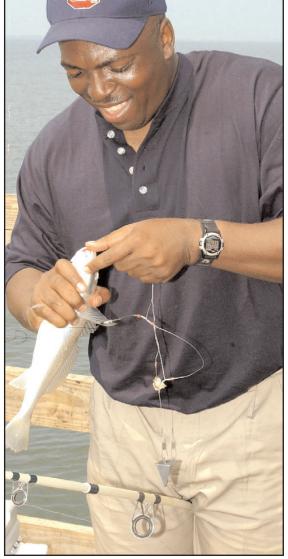


Photo left, Front-runner Mark Carper "breaks the ribbon" finishing the 3K run in first place in only nine minutes, 31 seconds during a muggy morning. Photo center, Andrew and Danielle Stewart give the three-legged race their all. Photo right, Barry Hodges removes a croaker from his hook before adding it to his catch.

# First place

finishers 3K Run/Walk Men – Mark Carper Vomen - Samantha Bradle Children - Rachel Williams 2-on-2 Basketball Carlos and Chris Teasley 3-Legged Race Julian Louis and Darriar Canoe Race Men - Dan and Brian Dillon Women - Peggy Good and Sandy Branner Mixed - Dianna Sommer and Jeff Upchurch Closest to the Pin Men – Bob Barkers Women - Kim Lindahl Team –John Prosch, Kevin loffman and Marilynn Gowe Best shot Men - Bob Barkers Women - Kim Lindahl Children - Logan Brown Fishing Jimmy Frazier Horseshoes Robert Allen and Matt Bauman Volleyball Monroe Safety Tennis Vladimir Striz and Tom McWhorter

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# Post lifeguards square off at Buckroe



Photo by Jon Peanman

From left to right, Ceasar Augustus, Patrick Cathcart, Alyna Kudina and Allen Rogers compete in the land line rescue relay June 25.

### **BY JON PEARLMAN**

SPECIAL TO THE CASEMATE

Sixteen of the post's top lifeguards shined at Buckroe Beach June 25 during a coed nine-event competition that pitted them against their counterparts from the City of Hampton.

Lifesaver Christian Congrove proved why he is one of Hampton Roads' top aquatic athletes. His skill and speed in several matchups using the ocean rescue board was among the highlights of the competition.

Guards Calla Abbott, Erin Jasenack and Brigette Johnson helped Fort Monroe win several events with their top-notch swimming, beach sprints and performance in the run-swim-paddle relay.

A five-time veteran of the competition, Patrick Cathcart, showed off his "iron man" determination competing in five different events.

While pushing himself to point of collapse, Cathcart mustered the strength and endurance needed to keep Fort Monroe in the running. The normally quiet Allen Rogers stepped up to the plate with excellent swimming in the surf in several challenges.

A one-mile run, 300-yard surf swim, rescue board relay, landline rescue and a beach tug of war were some of the other categories in which the crew battled.

Despite showing a lot of heart during many grueling events, post players came up one win short of dominating the overall event.

### **Intramural Sports Standings**

<u>Softball</u>				<u>Volleyball</u>				
DCST	7-1	George Wash	nington 4-2	Post Diggers	11-1	DCMA	3-9	
Ultimate Weapons	7-1	USAAC	1-6	HQCC	9-3	ISA	1-11	
Warriors	5-4	JTFCS	0-7	DCSRM	8-4	IG/SJA	2-10	
Moat Dogs	2-5	*As of June 28		NERO	8-4	*As of	*As of June 22.	

### **Bowling**

The Teabags were the big winners in rounds 2 and 3 of the Wednesday Night NASCAR Mixed Bowling League. Team members included George Desrosiers, Jennifer Arredonda, and Rob Arredondo. Winners of the first round were Ron and Don's Whining. Team members were Don Bielata, Betsy Power, Stella Davis, and Ron Haug.

High scores for the league included:

### Men - 200 or Better Game/ 600 or Better Series:

Chip Wikan — 243, 202, 201 William Crosby — 227, 214 Ron Finchum — 226 Pete Discenza — 225, 214/631 Rob Arredondo — 211

### Golf

Misfits 24 HQTRADOC 11
DCSPIL 21.5 DPW 9

\*As of June 29

High scores in the Chilling Wednesday Night Mixed League were:

### Women - 200 or Better Game/ 500 or Better Series:

Julia Parks — 206/504 Gail Helmick — 204

### Men - 200 or Better Game/ 600 or Better Series:

Chip Wikan — 243, 204, 201 Ron Finchum — 240, 201/626 Dennis Cooper — 227, 215, 207/637, 617 Jim Dunlap — 215 Don Bielata — 211, 211

All standings are provided by the Fort Monroe Sports Office and the Fort Monroe Bowling Center.

# MIS COURT

Photo by Patrick Buffett

# 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bethel Manor Youth Center in the Bethel Manor housing section of Langley Air Force Base.

For more information, call C. Courtney at 867-9639 or visit www.tidewaterwolves.com.

players, ages 6-14, for the 2005 season. An

open registration session will be held July

### 'Trailzilla' races

Sandy Bottom Nature Park's Trailzilla Race Series continues Tuesday with a 6:30 p.m., four-mile race. For more information, call Dave Venable at 369-1618.

### Track challenge

Hampton's Peninsula Track Club will host its Women's 5K Challenge and Men's Mile July 23.

Sports

Registration is \$12 for either event before July 16 and \$15 thereafter. The first 100 registrants will received a tank

For more details, call Dennis Jarabak at 865-4147.

### Tidewater Wolves

The Tidewater Wolves Football and Cheerleading Association is looking for

### Royal Subjects

Col. Kevin Shwedo and Maj. Wayne Hardy will be among the Fort Monroe softball players taking on the "King and His Court" exhibition team today at 6 p.m., at DeRussy Field. Weather permitting, the event will also include live music, food vendors and children's activities.



Photos by Patrick Buffett Col. Perry D. Allmendinger, garrison commander, welcomes thousands of spectators to Fort Monroe's Fourth at the Fort summer concert

# Fourth at the Fort Scrapbook



Col. Kevin Shwedo swears in Sgt. Tiffany Stephens during a reenlistment ceremony Monday evening, just prior to the Trace Adkins performance. Conducted before a cheering crowd, the ceremony demonstrated the commitment of the U.S. Armed Forces to defend the nation. Stephens volunteered for another four-year hitch, and has requested reassignment to the 101st Airborne Divsion, Fort Campbell, Ky. Members of that organization will soon deploy to Iraq, according to Shwedo. Both the colonel and Stephens are assigned to U.S. Army Accessions Command.



featuring Trace Adkins, Monday at Walker Airfield.

Photo by Kathy Fran

Photo above: Staff Sgt. Linwood Baker, NCOIC of the Fort Monroe Salute Battery, chats with spectators following Monday's 50-gun Salute to the Nation. Photo right: the lead singer of the local band Tailgate kicks off Monday's concert. Photo far right: Trace Adkins performs one of the hit singles from his most recent album.



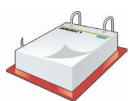


# Moat<sub>Notes</sub>

### **UPCOMING SPOTLIGHT EVENTS**

King and His Court Game . . . . July 8 Community Town Hall . . . . July 11 Blood Drive . . . . . . . July 13 Monroe Change of Command . July 14 Music Under the Stars . . . . July 14 Summer Concert . . . . . July 17

For more on these and other upcoming events, see calendar below or other stories and briefs in this issue.



### July 8

### Stories in the park

Experience the art of storytelling through music, prose and puppetry today at 11 a.m. at Hampton's Bluebird Gap Farm.

This week enjoy "Tessitura" (the opera clown). Learn opera terms, hear foreign languages and sing with Tessitura in this program that introduces children to the world of opera. Come early and bring your picnic basket. Stay after to greet the animals and enjoy the playground. Admission is free at the 60 Pine Chapel Road farm.

For more information visit, www.hampton.gov/parks.

### Sheer 'Luxury'

The Tidewater Artists Association presents a new exhibit titled "Luxury" today through July 22 at Hampton's Charles H. Taylor Arts Center. Jurored by Jeffrey Allison of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the show features works by an array of area artists.

Admission to the 4205 Victoria Blvd. arts center is free. Exhibits are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and weekends from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 727-1490.

### Pottery on parade

The works of area potters will be on display today through Aug. 31 at the Gallery on the York, Yorktown.

The exhibit features utilitarian pieces like pie plates and lasagna dishes by Martha Hayes, ornate blue and white porcelain by Jane Witmer and Ronda Shulenburg's unique vases and candleholders.

For more information, call 898-3076.

### Liberty display

The Hampton History Museum will host an exhibit titled "Liberties with Liberty," consisting of color posters organized by the Museum of American Folk Art, today through Aug. 1.

The exhibit celebrates the centennial of the Statue of Liberty. The posters show examples of representations of the statue illustrating 19th century needlework and weaving, 19th and 20th century paintings, sculptures, weathervanes, scrimshaws, a gatepost finial and a ship's figurehead, among others.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for active duty military and seniors; \$4 for children 4 to 12; and free for kids under 4.

For more information, call 727-1610.

### Daddy's Girl



Photo by Belinda Baker

Five-year-old Faith Butler gets treated like a princess by her dad, Furlando, as he puts on her corsage in preparation for their grand entrance into the Bay Breeze Community Center's ballroom for Monroe Child and Youth Services' 2005 Father-Daughter Cotillion June 26.

### Seafood festival

Advance tickets for the Seafood Festival sponsored by The Watermen's Museum, Yorktown, are on sale now. The event is set for Aug. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Water Street attraction.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the museum gift shop or at the front desk. The cost will be \$25 the day of the festival.

The event will feature arts and crafts booths and other exhibitors. Special events for children will be held at the Minnows and Mates building on the museum grounds. The Fifes and Drums of Yorktown will perform at noon.

For more information, contact Don Wiggins weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 253-8787.

### July 9

### Founder's Day fete

The City of Hampton will host a Founder's Day celebration Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., downtown at Carousel Park, the Virginia Air and Space Center on Settlers Landing Road and the Hampton History Museum at 120 Old Hampton Lane.

The day's events will include free

admission to the Virginia Air & Space Center, Hampton History Museum and free rides at the Hampton Carousel throughout the nine-hour celebration. Photo identification with a Hampton address will be requested; regular fees are required for admission to the Riverside IMAX® Theater.

Healthy Families Partnership will be the site of family-friendly fun from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with live entertainment by the Graylocks and Clan McCool, children's rides and a rock-climbing wall.

Drummers from the Peninsula Tidewater Native American Support Group and historic interpreters from the 17th century will also participate. A "Happy Birthday" style cake-cutting takes place at 1 p.m. in the Hampton History Museum courtyard, with free cake and punch.

Non-residents are encouraged to take part in the activities but will be charged regular admission fees at the participating attractions.

The celebration continues with the Downtown Block Party from 7 to 11 p.m. along Queens Way. For more Block Party details, call 727-1570.

Normal parking areas for both cars and buses will be available

throughout the day. Parking time limits on Settlers Landing Road from Eaton Street to Armistead Avenue will be waived. Shuttle service will also be available.

The event will be held rain or shine.

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### AT THE MOVIES

### Showing at the Fort Eustis Theater

### Friday, July 8

7 p.m. — The Longest Yard (PG-13)

Saturday, July 9 2 p.m. — CRASH (R)

7 p.m. — CRASH (Free Showing!)

### Wednesday, July 13

7 p.m. — Kicking and Screaming (PG) **Thursday, July 14** 

7 p.m. — The Longest Yard (PG-13)

Friday, July 15 7 p.m. — Cinderella Man (PG-13)

### Saturday, July 16

2 p.m. — Madagascar (PG)

7 p.m. — Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)

\*The Langley Air Force Base movie theater is closed for renovations.

Adults \$2, children 6-12 years old \$1.50 and children under 6 are free. If a child under 6 occupies a seat at a G-rated movie, admission is \$1.50. Special movie showings are available. Contact John Low at LowJ@aafes.com or 766-1237 for details.

### Tuly 10

### Free art

The Courthouse Galleries, Portsmouth, will offer free admission to the public Sunday. The day's featured program will be "Eye of the Storm: An Exhibit Tour of Robert K. Sneden's Civil War Drawings," presented by ODU profressor and historian Dr. Harold Wilson.

The exhibit continues through Aug. 28 with rare Civil War art and maps from a soldier's diary.

The Courthouse Galleries is located at the corner of Court and High Streets in historic Olde Towne. The summer hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Regular admission is \$3 after the first Sunday of each month. Visit www.courthousegalleries.com, or call 393-8543, for more information.

### Bluegrass bash

The internationally acclaimed East Tennessee State University Bluegrass Pride Band will join the City of Portsmouth for its 60th anniversary celebration of Commodore Theatre Sunday at 2 p.m.

ETSU bluegrass bands have performed in Russia, Japan, England, Scotland, France, at the Kennedy Center, and the 2003 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington,

D.C. The performance band boasts many famous alumni including 2005 country entertainer of the year Kenny Chesney.

Seating for the performance will begin at 12:30 p.m. Balcony seating will start at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults in the dining area, \$10 for adults in the balcony, and \$5 for children 13 and under. For more details, or ticket information, call 393-4383.

### *July 12*

### POMOCO movie series

Bring your chair or blanket to Buckroe Beach Park, Hampton, and join movie-goers for an evening of family fun Tuesday at 7 p.m.

This week's movie is "Racing Stripes," the story of a young girl who raises an abandoned baby zebra on her family's Kentucky ranch. Her father is a retired horse trainer, and when the zebra is fully grown, she asks dad to let the animal compete in the year's biggest horse race, the Kentucky Crown.

Admission to the North First Street park is free. Parking is \$2. For more information, call 727-8311.

### Summer fun

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"Summer Fun" is underway at the Children's Museum of Virginia. Participation in this series of exciting hands-on programs is free with paid admission to the museum at 221 High St. in Portsmouth.

"Come in For a Little," which allows kids to explore the wonders of static electricity and magnets, will be held Tuesday at noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m. Similar sessions continues throughout July.

Another fun-filled session, "Bubbles, Bubbles Everywhere!" starts Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to create bubble makers, investigate why bubbles are always round and try to make square bubbles, among other fun things. The times are the same for others dates throughout August.

The Children's Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person and free to children under 2.

For more information, call 393-5258 extension 17.

### *July 14*

### Jamming at Portside

Music lovers can enjoy the area's hottest bands throughout the summer at Portside in Portsmouth. A different live band will delight audiences from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at the 6 Crawford Parkway venue.

Power Play is this Thursday's featured performer. Fans may park in the Middle Street or Harbor

Court parking garage for free.

Seating will be available but guests can also bring lawn chairs or blankets. Concessions, including adult-only beverages, will be available for purchase. For more information, call 393-5111.

### Sci-fi July

The Williamsburg Regional Library invites the public to explore the exotic worlds of science fiction and fact by way of its July series of classic films and exciting events.

Thursday's presentation begins at 7 p.m. with "Mission to Mars," featuring Eric Queen, NASA research engineer, and "Mars in Science Fiction" with award-winning writer Bud Webster.

Other upcoming events include a Hollywood model maker, science fiction writers and a stage production of the famous 1938 Orson Wells radio program "War of the Worlds," planned for July 24 at 3 p.m.

All events are free. For more information, call 259-4050.

### *July 15*

### 'Beausoliel' returns

The Cajun band Beausoliel returns to the American Theatre, Hampton, July 15 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 or \$30 and can be purchased at the American Theatre box office. For other details, call 722-2787.

### **NEWS CLIPS**

### Toastmasters meet

The Future Leaders and Thinkers Toastmasters Club wants to help you improve communication and leadership skills this summer. Those interested are invited to their next meeting at TRADOC Public Affairs conference room in Building 27 at 11:40 a.m., Monday and July 25.

Plan now to attend and bring a friend. The Club is open to all individuals working and living on Fort Monroe who are age 18 and older.

For more information, contact Ella Skeeter-Webster at 788-2758 or Donna Satisfield at 788-3864.

### Product removal

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will remove products containing the solid form of pseudoephedrine from all store shelves effective July 31. These items include Advil Flu and Sinus, Aleve Cold and Sinus, Claritin D and Tylenol Allergy Sinus.

The affected items will be replaced with products containing phenylephrine, an acceptable substitute for pseudoephedrine, as a relief for sinus congestion.

To date, 16 states have passed legislation restricting the availability of cough and cold medicines containing the drug pseudoephedrine in solid form. AAFES has decided that removal of these products from all of its stores is in the best interest of all military communities. AAFES is committed to maintaining safe communities by supporting all local, state and national initiatives to combat the manufacture of illicit drugs.

### Volunteers needed

The Hampton Clean City Commission will be conducting its sixth annual Litter Index on Aug. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. They need six to ten volunteers to help accomplish this project.

The Litter Index is a tool developed by Keep America Beautiful, Inc., that provides a framework for quantifying perceptions of litter in a community.

Volunteers are trained in the use of the index and then will evaluate areas throughout the city by van. Participants will be treated to lunch and are recognized by the Commission at its annual Volunteer Recognition Event.

Interested volunteers may contact the Hampton Clean City Commission at 727-6394 or hccc@hampton.gov.

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camaraderie found in an early morning workout. His thoughts wandered farther. They circled

past Continental Park where images of a salute battery, Soldiers in formation and the pride of Fort Monroe - The U.S. Continental Army Band - stirred feelings of genuine respect. He was also mindful of the groundskeepers who kept the area postcard perfect.

The "best of times" from the commander's perspective could also be found just down Fenwick Road where a slew of new administrative buildings now dot the landscape. Similar structures have arisen across post, replacing well-worn and expensive-to-maintain wooden buildings that dated back to the 1950's.

Army Community Services is among those who occupy the new digs. Post teens now hang out in a newly opened youth activities center annex. And work continues on the new hourly care wing of the Child Development Center.

"Those particular projects are part of the silver lining to one of the darkest moments of the past three years," Allmendinger said, alluding of course to Hurricane Isabel that cut a path across Monroe and the Virginia peninsula in mid-September 2003.

"It was truly the worst of times," the colonel said in a somber tone. "That feeling of helplessness as the floodwater got deeper and deeper and homes, personal property and office spaces were claimed is indescribable. It's one of those moments when you realize just how much the community means to you. You want to do something, but you really can't do anything ... you just have to sit there and hope everyone is okay."

What happened next is something the commander said he will remember for the rest of his days. Isabel failed to quench Fort Monroe's community spirit. Despite downed trees and failing power lines, destroyed POVs and ruined family heirlooms, the installation sprung back to life within days of the storm.

"Some of the simplest acts spoke volumes about the caliber of people who live and work at Monroe," Allmendinger said. "I saw neighbors ignoring their own damaged property while extending a hand to others. Differences in rank and duty position didn't really matter when it came to cleaning up debris. It was a time when every one of the Army values we always talk about became real ... they were right there in your face."

Nearly two years later, Isabel's outward scars have pretty much been erased. The fact that many now view the storm as "old news" is a source of pride for the outgoing colonel. "Even our visitors find it hard to believe that this installation experienced more than \$100 million in damage.

"To those who spent countless hours working deals and managing contracts, who endured the inconvenience of being displaced, or who rolled up their sleeves to paint, clean and plant, I offer this ... we lived up to our obligation. We have both restored and maintained the beauty of this historic landmark. For that, you should be proud," Allmendinger said.

Once again, the colonel found himself flipping through mental notes to find other aspects of his tenure that deserved emphasis in these final days. He stopped to consider the post's relationship with local communities — the "best of times" without a doubt.

"Fort Monroe is truly blessed because of the

unwavering support from the City of Hampton and the surrounding area," he said. "That includes city officials, state senators, congressmen and, most importantly, the thousands of military retirees who live near the installation and continue to play an important part in what

"Our community partnership is the strongest I've seen in 26 years of service. You care about Soldiers and their families. You've made us part of your celebrations, from the Hampton Cup Regatta to summer concerts. You express your patriotic spirit and support of the military time and again. For that, all of us are grateful."

The topic of community support also led to a note about volunteers. They are all heroes in Allmendinger's book. "Their unselfish attitude helps families, children and Soldiers in countless ways that money just can't buy. I am humbled by all they have accomplished in the past three years and know that they will continue to offer their support for years to come."

Who was he forgetting? Was there a particular moment or achievement he should also highlight? It was no surprise that July 14 now seemed closer than ever.

"I'm not sure if I could ever come up with all of the right words to express my appreciation to this community or to describe what the past three years have meant to me," the colonel concluded.

"I know it goes a long way beyond a simple 'goodbye.' You have set a standard that few others could achieve and made this one of the most rewarding assignments in my career. I guess the best ways to say it is, 'thank you for your friendship and support."

### The Fort Monroe Military Police responded to the following incidents in June:

Speeding - 2

Illegal parking - 18

Suspended driver's license - 7

Failure to stop at a posted stop sign - 5

Expired driver's license - 1

Driving while intoxicated - 1

Traffic accident with damage to govern-

ment property - 1

Expired state registration - 2

Expired state inspection - 1

Unsecured building - 1 Building alarm - 14

Fire alarm - 1

Medical emergency - 8

### **June Incidents/ Crime Statistics**

Larceny of funds by means of making and uttering a worthless check - 1 Altering official documents - 1 Criminal trespassing - 4 Larceny of private property - 2

Damage to government property - 2

Damage to private property - 1

Accidental damage of government

property - 1

Possession of marijuana - 1

Lost and found: Bible with blue cover

Eveglasses with case

Key ring with operation smile bracelet Daisy B.B. gun

Child's yellow mountain bike,

Car keys



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### **Bible School Buddies**

Jackie Holly and Spencer Portuese, 3, share a special moment during Vacation Bible School, June 29, at the Chapel Center.

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